



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

First Sunday of Lent
February 17th—18th

Rev. Father Frederick D. Fraini, III Pastor
Deacon James Graves
Mrs. Beth Donlan, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Mary Lou Petty, Religious Ed Coordinator
Mrs. Lorraine Carrier, RCIA Director



Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4pm
SUNDAY: 8am, 10am, 11:30am
DAILY: Monday-Friday, 7:30am
SCHOOL MASS: Wednesday 9am (September-June)
BRAZILIAN / PORTUGUESE: Sunday 6:30pm
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Check the bulletin & website

Adoration

TUESDAYS 8am—12pm

Confessions

SATURDAYS 2:45-3:45pm or by appointment

Sacraments

BAPTISMS: Celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month with preparation classes for parents and God parents on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact Deacon Graves at james.graves@umassmemorial.org
MARRIAGE: Contact the parish office at least 1 year before the date to make arrangements.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you have family members who are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or weakened because of prolonged illness or advanced age, contact the parish office for assistance.

Contact Us

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Parish News...

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

4:00PM: Benedetto Marchetti (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Linda Coyle by Aunt Nancy, Uncle Lindo & Amy
 Jackie Antonioni by Fran Girouard

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM: Laura Cancellieri by Daniel and Donna Benoit
 Donald Bracani (6th anniversary) by his wife Janet
 Vincent Scaramuzzi by Robert and Pauline
 Anthony Balducci (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

10:00AM: Concetta Dandini (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Loretta Lisciotti by Paul and Tisha Schiavitti
 Raymond Marcoux by Alty, Schmidt and Testa Families

11:30AM: Loretta Lisciotti by Steven DiRusso
 Leo Letellier by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

7:30AM: Rev. Msgr. Edmond Tinsley by Fraini Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

7:30AM: For our men and women serving in our Country's military forces by St Matthew 25 Society

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

7:30AM: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Needham by Fraini Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

7:30AM: Rev. Frank G. Erdejal by St. Anna Parish

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

4:00PM: Paul Lucier by his wife
 Madeline Girouard by Fran
 Pam Linton by Susan Noyes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM: Russell Enderle by Daniel and Donna Benoit

10:00AM: Mery and John Burke by Fran and Joe Bassett
 Lena Sciabarrasi Johnson by Mary DeCarolis
 Anthony DeCarolis (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

Brian Greene by his son Richard Greene and family

Margaret Falvey by Fraini Family

11:30AM: Richard Lemoine by family
 Josephine Emiro (birthday remembrance) by Dorothy Hill

Mary and Anthony Tata by their daughters

Kathy and Lorna and grandchildren

Serge Richard by Lynn Ayers and family

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Anna Parish! To set up online donations, please visit the parish website.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,495.63
CATHOLIC FREE PRESS	\$ 1,351.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 115.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,961.63

CONFIRMATION GATHERING

On Sunday, February 25th, confirmation candidates will gather at Holy Family of Nazareth Parish for an evening of reflection from 5:30pm—8:30pm. This will take place of the regular morning class.

ST. ANNA PARISH—LENT

Confessions: Fr. Fred will hold additional confessions during Lent from 7pm—8pm on Tuesdays.

Save the Date: The Lenten Mission will be held March 11th—March 14th Details to follow.

Stations of the Cross: Please join Deacon Jim as he leads us in special prayer of Jesus's final hours on Friday nights beginning at 6:30pm in the Church.

St. Anna Society Fish Dinners: Fridays during Lent (with the exception of Good Friday) from 4pm-7pm or until sold out.

Other Leominster churches with additional confession and Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross

Holy Family of Nazareth	Friday	4pm
St. Leo's	Friday	3:30pm
Our Lady of the Lake	Friday	7pm
St. Cecilia's	Good Friday	3pm

Confessions

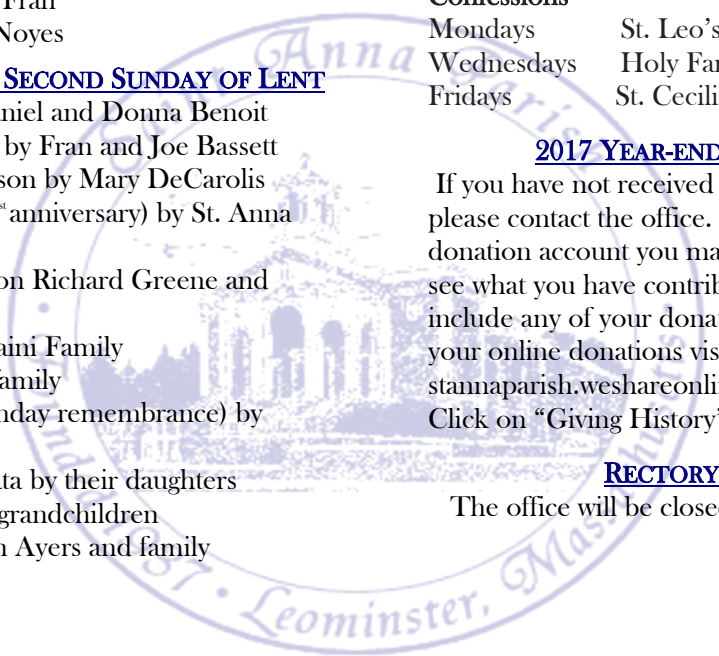
Mondays	St. Leo's	7pm
Wednesdays	Holy Family of Nazareth	7pm
Fridays	St. Cecilia's	7pm

2017 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

If you have not received a year end giving statement, please contact the office. If you have set up an online donation account you may print your own statements to see what you have contributed online **only**. It will not include any of your donations collected at masses. To get your online donations visit <https://stannaparish.weshareonline.org/>, Log into your account, Click on "Giving History" and Select 2017.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, February 19th.





JUSTICE

Justice is the moral virtue which consists in the firm and constant will to give God and to neighbor everything they deserve.

Justice towards God is the "virtue of religion." Justice towards neighbor disposes one to respect the rights of one another and establish harmony which promotes equity with regard to persons and common good. There is no such thing as holiness or righteousness without justice. While fortitude and temperance focus on self-control, justice governs how we relate to God and neighbor.

Justice is a virtue that is first and foremost positive. In our relationship with God, we render Him his due in the form of love, service and gratitude. The just man, as mentioned in Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and honorableness of his conduct towards his neighbor. "You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor...Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven." The differences among us is God's plan and God's will. Justice is concerned with what we owe someone else *precisely* because they are not us. And we must remember, in the end, God is our Master and judges accordingly.

Justice is good, everybody wants it, especially for themselves. For example, if you are in school, and someone copies off of your test paper or cheats at a playground game, you'd cry "Not fair!" It's only natural. However, say you hit somebody's fender in the parking lot, and nobody saw it, do you leave your name and phone number? Justice says - yes leave your information! They didn't deserve that, your own negligence caused it, and you owe them compensation. Or, maybe you are remodeling a client's kitchen and it turns out to cost less than you estimated. Do you charge the original estimate? Justice says— no! If you had known then what you know now you would have estimated less, so that becomes the fair price to charge, otherwise you'd be taking advantage of their ignorance. Justice is at its best when no one is looking.

It is less obvious what we owe others, perhaps because of self-interest, but what others are *due* is obvious if we take the time to put ourselves in their shoes. An old prayer reminds us, "Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins." Although we all seem to have an innate sense of justice, we may be conflicted about what people are entitled to. But until we can experience who they are, we must be fair and just. This is extremely difficult, maybe impossible, to give others their due but is feasible when we give God His due. Justice is complex. In conclusion, let's remember these words - "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God", to which we respond "it is right and just."

DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Please visit <https://worcesterdiocese.org/> to complete the survey on the Diocesan Planning Study for a Capital Campaign. Your input is most welcome

HEALTH ALLIANCE SPEAKEASY 12TH ANNUAL GALA

Join us for jumpin' and jivin' for the Cat's Meow Speakeasy Gala at Double-Tree by Hilton on Thursday, March 1st. Help us raise much needed funds for UMass Memorial - HealthAlliance Hospital. Tickets are \$50 per person, and sponsorship opportunities are available. For information contact Events Coordinator, Kathy Boudreau at kboudreau@healthalliance.com



CITY OF LEOMINSTER'S RESTAURANT WEEK



Local restaurants will have set menus for lunch and/or dinner from February 18th - February 24th. For information and list of participating restaurants, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/337489513403272/>

RED SOX BASEBALL TRIP TO BALTIMORE, MD

The Fitchburg KOC, 165 Electric Ave., is hosting a 3-day trip to Baltimore from June 11th - 13th. The trip includes: Two Red Sox Games, Hotel, Free Breakfasts, Shuttle to Casino (\$15 casino voucher) *Plus* a Trip to Washington D.C., with visits to Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Changing of the Guard at Tomb of the Unknowns. Cost is \$505 for single / \$425 for Double / or \$395 for triple occupancy. A Non-Refundable \$50 Deposit required. Balance paid in Full by April 1st. Questions? Call Dan at 978-855-5401

18TH WORCESTER DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 18th Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Conference is on Saturday, March 17th at Assumption College. All men are invited to this important annual conference. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Tickets are \$30/students, \$45/adults if purchased before February 28th. Send checks to Catholic Men's Conference, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609 For information, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345 or visit www.firstmensconf.org

Safety Environment Notice: Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Dioceses of Worcester policies. Contact Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, at 508-929-4363 (direct & confidential.) Claire Freda is St. Anna's Safety Environment Coordinator